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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN UPDATE ON DETAINED/IMPRISONED AMCITS IN  
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Classified By: Econ/Pol Counselor Dean Yap. Reason: 1.4(b) and (d).

(C) Austrian MFA Middle East Director Stift contacted Econ/Pol Counselor Sept. 25 to relay the latest information received from Austrian Ambassador to Iran Postl regarding the status of the six Amcits detained in Iran.

Kian Tajbakhsh: There is a good chance Tajbakhsh will be pardoned the week of September 28, but the outcome will depend partly on Tehran's analysis of the U.S. response to President Ahmadinejad's UNGA speech.

Three Hikers: Amb. Postl has received letters from the parents of the three hikers to Supreme Leader Khamanei. They are being translated into Farsi and will be delivered to Khamanei's office on Sept. 26. Stift had no information on how the letters reached Postl.

Reza Taghavi: Is being held at Evin Prison on espionage charges.

Levinson: There is a 90% probability he is dead; Postl expects to receive more detail on Sept. 28. If Levinson's death is confirmed, he will ask that the remains be transferred to the family.

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